
Seeking clarification on political advertising

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Good morning.

I previously spoke to you regarding permissible use of the word "Judge" by a District Attorney candidate who is a former Justice and is currently seeking a non judicial office.

In Bexar County, former 4th Court of Appeals Justice Luz Elena Chapa is using in her political advertising the word "Judge" (photos attached for reference).

After a phone call with the TEC, it was my understanding that use of the word "Judge" in this situation would not be in compliance with Texas Elections Code, Section 255.006.

Last night, Luz Elena Chapa informed a member of the media she was granted permission by the Commission on Judicial Conduct and the Texas Ethics Commission to use the term "Judge" because she is vested as she served on the 4th Court for 12 years so she is allowed to use the word "Judge" when she does not hold that office and is running for District Attorney, a non judicial seat.

I am seeking clarification. I have attached the article from the San Antonio Report for your reference where her statements are clear, and I have also attached a screen shot of the particular part of the story for reference also.

<https://bit.ly/45NJbQN>

I am currently waiting to hear back from the Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Please advise.

Best,

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